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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED MARCH 3, 2009

This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on March 3, 2009 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following three groups of claims:

Group I – Claims 1-10 and 27-34, drawn to a network device interaction system with an application component that seeks to utilize a network device and a configuration system that automatically configures the network device, i.e., loading the driver, to operate with the application component, classified in class 719, subclass 321.

Group II – Claims 11-15 and 21-26, drawn to a network device configuration system with a monitor component that monitors a local area network for the arrival of network devices and a configuration component that automatically configures a network

device detected by the monitor component to operate in conjunction with a computer system, classified in class 709, subclass 224.

Group III – Claims 16-20 and 35-40, drawn to a dynamic network device configuration system comprising an association component that specifies an association of the network component with at least one other active network component, an enumerator component that generates a physical device object (PDO) component that provides information about the device to be configured, and a Plug and Play system that utilizes the PDO component that exposes device functionality to associated network components, classified in class 709, subclass 220.

Applicants' representative hereby elects with traverse Group I (Claims 1-10 and 27-34, drawn to a network device interaction system with an application component that seeks to utilize a network device and a configuration system that automatically configures the network device, i.e., loading the driver, to operate with the application component, classified in class 719, subclass 321) for further prosecution on the merits.

Should there be any questions regarding this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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